



FEMA

February 3, 2016

Honorable Charles Baker
Governor of Massachusetts
State House
Boston, MA 01233

Dear Governor Baker:

On December 10, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) notified the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of its approval of license amendments to Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS) site. These license amendments implement exemptions from certain provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 50.54(q) concerning off-site emergency response planning. Specifically, these exemptions allow ENO to discontinue off-site radiological emergency preparedness activities, and as a result, no longer requires FEMA to review, monitor, and report activities associated with off-site radiological emergency planning and preparedness for VYNPS. ENO will implement these exemptions on April 15, 2016.

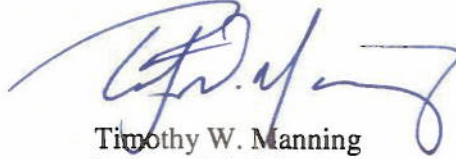
The NRC's expectation is that ENO will communicate its schedule for implementation of the amendments to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, local authorities, and FEMA Region I. After the license amendments are fully implemented, emergency planning and preparedness will be limited to on-site activities, with notification to off-site authorities in the event of an emergency classification, and maintaining arrangements for off-site response organizations (i.e., law enforcement, fire and medical services) that may respond to on-site emergencies.

This letter serves to officially notify the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that as a result of this exemption by the NRC and the implementation of the license amendments incorporating the REP exemption by ENO, FEMA's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP) will discontinue all off-site emergency planning and preparedness activities for the site. However, as we collaborate with our partners at the NRC who are formalizing the decommissioning process, we will seek to identify opportunities to assist the State and the involved communities to continue to assure radiologic emergency preparedness in Massachusetts. Further, the technical assistance program operated by FEMA's National Integration Center, in coordination with FEMA Region I, remains available to support all-hazards emergency planning and preparedness activities.

FEMA would like to commend the staff from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) as well as the Towns of Bernardston, Colrain, Gill, Greenfield, Leyden, Northfield and Warwick for its dedicated participation in the off-site radiological emergency planning and preparedness activities for the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant over the past 44 years as Vermont Yankee commences decommissioning activities.

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Paul Ford, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region I, at (617) 956-7566, or Mr. Timothy Greten, Acting Director, FEMA Technological Hazards Division, at (202) 657-2300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy W. Manning', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy W. Manning
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